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Men allegedly planned to traffic cocaine, say Halifax RCMP **PAGE 4**

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Time will tell if justice served: Mom

Rehtaeh Parsons case. Man convicted of distributing child porn receives one year probation



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The court proceedings surrounding the distribution of child porn in Rehtaeh Parsons' case may be over, but her mother says Rehtaeh's story is far from finished as she awaits the results of a review into how her daughter's case was handled by police.

On Thursday, the second man who pleaded guilty in the child porn case was sentenced in Halifax youth court to a year of probation for distributing a sexually graphic image showing Rehtaeh, who was 15, leaning out of a window as he smiled at the camera and gave a thumbs-up sign.

"Justice will only be served if this young man takes a different path in his life," Rehtaeh's mother, Leah Parsons, told reporters outside court.

"If this man ... has some re-

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"We actually are allowed to say her name and that was very fulfilling to me."

Leah Parsons of her daughter, Rehtaeh Parsons, pictured

morse and resolve to make his life better."

The 17-year-old Parsons died after being taken off life-support following a suicide attempt in April 2013. Her parents say she was bullied for months as a result of the photo.

The 20-year-old was ordered to attend counselling, not contact Parsons' family, not drink or possess alcohol and submit a DNA sample, among other conditions.

Another 20-year-old man in the case was given a conditional discharge in November after pleading guilty to making child pornography when he took the photo. Neither can be identified because they were minors when the crime occurred.



Leah Parsons, mother of Rehtaeh Parsons, leaves provincial court in Halifax on Thursday.

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Both Rehtaeh's father, Glen Canning, and Leah appeared in court and read emotional victim impact statements, with Canning speaking from Rehtaeh's perspective.

Judge Gregory Lenehan said if anyone should be cham-

pioning the cause against online bullying, it should be the accused "because you know ... better than anybody else how that activity can destroy lives."

Leah said she's been waiting "more so" for the upcoming investigative review conducted

by Murray Segal than the sentencing results.

"What are in those reports, and what are the reasons that nothing was done when it should have been done, and why no sexual assault charges?" she said.

Addressing the court

'Humans make mistakes'

The man convicted of distributing child porn in the Rehtaeh Parsons case stood to address the court and apologized to her parents Thursday.

The 20-year-old, who cannot be identified, said he apologized to Rehtaeh a few days after he sent the picture but the case also "had a huge negative impact on my life."

"I was young and made a mistake. Humans make mistakes. Some are worse than others," he said. "I will not live with the guilt of someone passing away, but I will live with the guilt of sending the picture."

The man said he pled guilty to distributing child porn, not sexual assault, and "a lot of things in this case have a slight twist to them," but added he was "truly sorry." **HALEY RYAN/METRO**

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'It just didn't seem to take off, unfortunately'

Target closing. Three stores to shut down in Halifax as retail chain set to leave Canada



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Many of the shoppers heading to the Target in Dartmouth on Thursday morning had a little less bounce in their step.

By the time they walked through the doors of the American retailer at Mic Mac Mall, many had already heard the news announced earlier that morning: the chain would be closing all 133 of its Canadian locations by the end of the year, including its three Halifax-area stores.

"It just didn't seem to take off, unfortunately," said Lisa Ross, standing outside the store, carrying a plastic shopping bag bearing the retailer's iconic red bulls-eye logo.

The Dartmouth resident said she frequented the Mic Mac Mall location fairly often, having recently bought her children's snow-suits at the store.

But Ross said although

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I like Target ... it's too bad."

Pam O'Driscoll, outside the Target in Dartmouth



Shoppers enter the Mic Mac Mall Target location on Thursday. Many of the shoppers heading to the Target in Dartmouth on Thursday morning had a little less bounce in their step. JEFF HARPER/METRO

she's disappointed, she's not surprised.

"I think you can tell by shopping here it's never very busy, they don't have a ton of stock," she explained Thursday. "Even when they first opened there wasn't a lot."

That same observation was echoed by Pam O'Driscoll of Porter's Lake, as she crossed the parking lot to the store's entrance.

"I prefer to come here more so than Walmart because it doesn't seem to be busy - ever," she said.

All three Target locations in HRM — Mic Mac Mall, Bedford Place Mall and Bay-

Employee woes

No set closing date given

A group of Target employees on their break at the Mic Mac Mall location said Thursday they were given

no set closing date.

In fact, they said, most of the staff first heard the news of the chain's closure through media, but were officially told by management shortly afterward.

Stores will be open

during a court-supervised liquidation and surplus process. It was also announced that employees would be provided at least 16 weeks of severance, according to the company.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

ers Lake — opened in the fall of 2013.

"I think it's going to drastically affect our traffic patterns here — big-time," said Brian Dickson, owner of Whatever Gifts, which is

located right next to Target inside Bedford Place.

"We are depending on the big-box stores to bring traffic to the mall ... They call them the anchor for that reason."

There is no word yet on

when the locations will be closing. Dickson said Bedford Place management is meeting with all of its stores on Friday, and he expects the impending closure of Target to be top of the agenda.

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Six arrested in connection with drug trafficking plot

International. RCMP say investigation into Panama-to-Halifax ring ongoing and more arrests expected



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The RCMP have arrested six men for allegedly planning to traffic cocaine through the Port of Halifax after duping them into importing fake drugs.

Police in Halifax announced the arrests of six men Thursday after a seven-month-long investigation dubbed "Operation Hancock."

Insp. Glenn Lambe of the RCMP's federal and serious organized crime unit said police obtained information in July about international drug trafficking.

That prompted RCMP officers to launch an operation during which the suspects allegedly imported about 200 kilograms of fake cocaine from Panama.

"The individuals believed there was cocaine, they acted on that premise," said Lambe. "They handled the product as if it was cocaine, but there was no cocaine and

no danger of any cocaine getting out to the general public."

Lambe said the suspects had planned to sell the "drugs" in other Canadian cities and not in Halifax.

Two of the men arrested, Warren Clarke and John "Dallas" Carleton Dempsey, are members of the International Longshoremen's Association, employed by terminal owners and operators such as Halterm and Ceres.

Another, Paul Matthew Arthur, is a former union member, though a representative of the Halifax Employers Association said he hadn't worked in the port for years.

Lambe wouldn't speak to specifics of the smuggling operation, and wouldn't say whether the six suspects had previously succeeded in importing drugs to Halifax.

"That's part of the ongoing investigation, so until we have that part completed, I can't disclose that at this time," he said.

Lambe did say the investigation had no connection to any other investigations of drug trafficking through the port, including the investigation that resulted in the seizure of more than 400 kilograms of cocaine imported from Panama last November.

Operation Hancock didn't take any drugs off the street,



Insp. Glenn Lambe, left, of the RCMP federal and serious organized crime unit and Albert Price, CBSA manager of criminal investigations, speak with the media about Operation Hancock at Nova Scotia RCMP headquarters in Dartmouth on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

The accused and charges

- Paul Matthew Arthur, 59, of East Pennant, charged with conspiracy to traffic drugs, attempting to import a controlled substance, trafficking of a scheduled substance, possession for the purpose of trafficking.
- Warren Patrick Clarke, 46, of West Pennant; John "Dallas" Carleton Dempsey, 46, of Halifax; Justin Carleton Dempsey, 22, of Mount Uniacke; Peter Stanley Albert Wood, 38, of Dartmouth, all charged with conspiracy to traffic drugs, trafficking of a scheduled substance, possession for the purpose of trafficking.
- Steven Welsford Jollimore, 51, of Terence Bay, charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking.

More to come

"There's a number of leads that have to be followed up and there's the potential for arrests sometime in the near future."

RCMP Insp. Glen Lambe

but Lambe said the arrests — as well as others he said would likely materialize in the near future — made it worthwhile.

"What it has done is take six people that are involved in the importation of drugs into Halifax and into Canada out of the system, so it has made a substantial dent in their ability to bring drugs into Canada," he said.

Trial set for October in fatal beating case

The trial of a man accused in the fatal beating of a prominent gay rights activist outside a Halifax bar is now scheduled to begin Oct. 19.

Andre Noel Denny is charged with second-degree murder in the April 2012 death of 49-year-old Raymond Taavel.

The 35-year-old Membertou man was originally scheduled to stand trial in Nova Scotia Supreme Court in September, but it was delayed when he fired his lawyer.

Six weeks were set aside for the trial during a hearing Thursday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The victim

Raymond Taavel died outside Menz bar on Gottingen Street following an altercation.



Andre Noel Denny
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ICE unit

Man faces child porn charges after Hollis Street search

A 20-year-old Halifax man is facing child pornography charges after a search on Thursday.

Earlier in the day, police say the Halifax Regional Police/RCMP integrated child exploitation (ICE) unit searched

an apartment in the 1500 block of Hollis Street in relation to an ongoing investigation.

A suspect was arrested at the scene and computer equipment was seized.

Jarrett Cleroux, 20, was held in custody and was set to appear in Halifax provincial court Thursday afternoon to face one count each of possession of child pornography and making available child pornography.

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Province launches text 911 for hearing- and speech-impaired

Emergency response.

New service breaks down barriers



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James McDermott always wondered what would happen if he fell down.

Not out of fear of hurting himself, but because he knew that as a deaf man, he relied on a family member, spouse or neighbour to come to his rescue and call 911 and speak to an operator on his behalf.

"Please, we say, make a call for us," McDermott explained to a crowd gathered at the province's emergency management office, while using an interpreter. "This is a barrier. It's terrible."

It's a concern shared by at least 55,000 other Nova Scotians with hearing and speech impairments every day, according to Paul Mason, director

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"This will definitely make a difference."

M.J. Crawford of the Deafness Advocacy Association

of emergency services for the Nova Scotia Emergency Measures Organizations (EMO.)

On Thursday, the province launched a new text 911 service, allowing for hearing- and speech-impaired residents to contact emergency operators on their own, without relying on the assistance of those able to speak.

Minister Mark Furey, who is the charge of emergency services, made the announcement during Thursday's news conference, saying Nova Scotia is the first province in Canada to offer the new service.

How it works is simple: Residents with hearing or speech loss must pre-register their phones with their service providers to activate the system. Then, when emergency strikes,



Paul Mason, seated left, and call taker Rebecca Mayer demonstrate the new text 911 system at the Emergency Management Office in Dartmouth on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

they dial 911 and a special message is received by operators, who initiate a text message conversation, rather than speak back.

All operators in the province are trained to use the new service, Mason explained during a demonstration.

M.J. Crawford of the Deaf-

ness Advocacy Association spoke at the conference, saying as a mother of two with a son and husband who both have hearing impairments, this

new 911 system breaks down barriers to better protect her family.

"With the 911 text I don't need to feel helpless," she said.

Audit of ferry service does not break down costs



The Nova Star ferry arrives in Yarmouth. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

An audit of the money-losing ferry service between Yarmouth, N.S., and Portland, Maine, supports the company's operating costs but provides no detail as to where the money was spent.

Breakdowns on the costs of Nova Star's transactions are blacked out in the \$90,000, eight-page report by KPMG that was released Thursday.

Economic Development Minister Michel Samson downplayed the lack of detail, saying the principle finding of the audit is what's important to the public. Specific costs were

deemed proprietary by the company, he added.

"The message to Nova Scotians is that the money that was invested by the province of Nova Scotia has been spent appropriately," said Samson. "I don't think the people of Nova Scotia were necessarily concerned with how much money Nova Star spent on toilet paper."

When the provincial government announced the audit in October, it said the review would audit costs, look for savings and advise on a plan for the future.

Samson said the province was getting ongoing advice from KPMG but he declined to give details.

The report says KPMG examined 1,037 transactions worth more than \$25 million, but Nova Star was unable to provide supporting documentation for 35 of them, worth more than \$79,000. Samson said the company is still working to provide receipts for transactions that represent less than one per cent of the overall total that were audited.

The government gave the company an additional \$5 mil-

No winter work yet

Nova Star said the ferry was scheduled to leave Shelburne on Thursday for Charleston, S.C., where it would berth for the immediate future or until winter work is found.

lion last fall on top of a \$21-million loan that was spent in the first two months of the Nova Star's inaugural sailing season.

That loan was supposed to last seven years.

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More than \$300K

Sackville man fined in drug smuggling case

A 63-year-old man from Upper Sackville was sentenced to 18-months of house arrest and fined more than \$300,000 in Halifax Court Thursday for charges of drug smuggling.

Berry James MacKinnon

was facing charges from the Canada Border Services Agency on four offences after exporting more than 3 million tablets of ephedrine in an illegal Internet business.

In addition a sentence of 18 months of house arrest, MacKinnon was fined \$321,000 for proceeds of crime for the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, plus a \$5,000 fine for the Customs Act charge.

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December tally

Nearly 80 impaired driving charges last month: Police

Halifax police charged 79 people with impaired driving last month, including one person who was four times over the limit and two people driving with young children in the car.

On Thursday, police

released the impaired driving numbers for December, 2014, which showed 59 men and 20 women were charged with impaired driving. There were 28 suspensions.

Of the 51 criminal cases, the release said 14 drivers were twice the legal limit, one had three times and one four times the limit.

Eleven drivers refused to give breath samples and were also charged with refusal. METRO

Williamswood

Man charged after trying to sell stolen property online

A Halifax man faces charges after attempting to sell stolen property online.

Halifax Regional Police officers responded to a report of a break and enter on Grover Drive in Williamswood on Jan. 8. The homeowners

had returned to find someone had broken in and taken multiple electronics.

On Tuesday, the homeowners discovered some of their stolen property advertised for sale on a classified site and notified police.

They arranged to meet with the suspect to buy the items. Investigators arrested the man when he showed up for the meeting in the 3600 block of Joseph Howe Drive.

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Supreme Court won't hear tar-ponds case

Lawsuit. Sydney site has been cleaned up and reopened as Open Hearth Park

A Cape Breton woman who was a lead plaintiff in a class-action lawsuit over the Sydney tar ponds says she is disappointed after Canada's

top court ruled it will not hear the case.

Neila MacQueen, one of four people who filed the lawsuit more than a decade ago, said she felt hopeless after hearing Thursday's decision from the Supreme Court of Canada.

"I feel like I have no access to justice," said MacQueen, who lives about 100 metres from the former

No explanation

As usual, the Supreme Court of Canada did not give reasons for its decision not to hear the case.

Sydney tar-ponds site.

In the lawsuit, MacQueen and other plaintiffs argued that they and hundreds of

other residents were exposed to contaminants as a result of the tar-ponds operation.

MacQueen and residents Joe Petitpas, Ann Ross and Iris Crawford were seeking an unspecified amount in compensation and a medical monitoring fund for contamination from the operation of the steel plant at the site from 1967 to 2000.

The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal overturned the certification of the class-action lawsuit in December 2013.

The appeal court decision came after lawyers for the provincial and federal governments argued that the provincial Supreme Court judge erred in certifying the case because there are too many differences in the individual cases for

the matter to be heard as a class-action lawsuit.

The appeal court judges agreed, finding that there was too much variance in the issues affecting the class members and that a class-action suit was not the best way to proceed.

The class-action suit that included more than 400 people.

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The Cape Breton Rail Line is shown in this file photo. CAPE BRETON POST

Cape Breton. Company gets OK to cease rail service

The U.S.-based owner of a money-losing rail line in Cape Breton has been given permission to discontinue the service in the fall.

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board says the Cape Breton and Central Nova Scotia Railway can cease freight-rail service on the line running east of the St. Peter's junction as of Oct. 1.

The railway, owned by Genesee and Wyoming, has until Jan. 29 to file a discontinuance plan with the review board.

The review board says the railway must deliver goods by rail during the period leading to its closure if the service is required by a shipper that is prepared to pay a reasonable rate.

Otherwise, the board

In wait

Transportation Minister Geoff MacLellan says Genesee and Wyoming will have to wait until April 1, 2016, before it can apply to abandon the rail line.

says, the railway is free to continue with alternate trucking arrangements to its customers.

The board says the period of notice is reasonable given that the province's \$2-million annual subsidy for the line expired Sept. 30 and the fact it's been known since last June that the railway would be seeking approval to discontinue the service.

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Sanctions imposed after Dalhousie rugby club violated hazing policy

Athletes suspended. Tiger men's team will not be able to play for remainder of the year

Members of Dalhousie University's rugby club have been found in violation of the school's hazing policy after a formal complaint was made by an employee last September.

Details of the complaint have never been made public, but the school in Halifax said Thursday that the Dalhousie Tigers men's rugby club would remain suspended from play for the remainder of the 2014-15 year.

The suspension is one of three sanctions against the club in addition to five conditions that have been placed on it before it can resume play in 2015-16.

The university says club members who attended events on Sept. 20 are required to attend education sessions on hazing awareness and prevention, as well as the harm alcohol can cause.

The club's suspension will be removed for next year if it agrees that a committee consisting of team members and university representatives will select a new club executive, with prospective executive members interviewed and asked how they would address hazing.

The club must also agree to ban alcohol from all team events and cannot enter into agreements with alcohol companies.

"Dalhousie is committed to being a safe, respectful and inclusive place to learn and play," the school says in a statement.

Penalties

No academic penalties are being imposed.

This is the second time the school has investigated complaints against one of its teams. The women's hockey team was sidelined in 2013 over complaints of heavy drinking and humiliating behaviour.

It also recently began inquiries into the behaviour of 13 male dentistry students after they were linked to a Facebook page containing sexually violent content about women.

After the complaint about the rugby team became public, the school wouldn't provide details about the nature of the complaint, who filed it, where



The entrance to Dalhousie University is seen in this file photo. JEFF HARPER/METRO

the incident occurred or who was involved, but said

it was serious enough to warrant a suspension of the

team's privileges.
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Dal. No criminal case in Facebook posts: Police

Halifax Regional Police have finished a review of misogynistic comments about female dentistry students at Dalhousie University and conclude no crimes have been committed.

The police department says a team of senior investigators in the Criminal Investigation Division reviewed the material allegedly posted by male classmates of the women on a now deactivated Facebook page.

The department says it will not proceed with a criminal investigation.

Dalhousie had initially refused a police request to provide the postings based on student privacy concerns, but then indicated it would co-operate.

Reports of the offensive posts and the university's initial response prompted rallies and calls for the expulsion of the 13 students.

The fourth-year students who were part of the Facebook group have been ordered to attend classes remotely and are suspended from clinical duties, which could affect their ability to graduate.

The Facebook page at the centre of the controversy

Police



Pierre Bourdages
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Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said this week in refer-

ence to police asking for the comments that there was never a complaint lodged or evidence of criminal wrongdoing.

has been taken down.

But according to the CBC, members of the Class of DDS Gentlemen page on Facebook voted on which woman they'd like to have "hate" sex with and joked about using chloroform on women. The CBC said in another post, a woman is shown in a bikini with a caption that says, "Bang until stress is relieved or unconscious (girl)."

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Herring Cove Raod

Man charged with child porn found breaching conditions

Police in Halifax say that a man charged with child pornography offences is facing nine counts of breaching his court-ordered conditions.

Bernard Raymond Dalton was charged on Aug. 8 with making available child pornography, accessing child pornography and possession of child pornography.

As part of his release, Dalton wasn't allowed to be any place near where kids would reasonably be expected to be.

On Thursday, police say they learned Dalton was working at a restaurant on Herring Cove Road.

That job put him in close proximity to children.

He was arrested, but police say there's no evidence he assaulted or made contact with any children.

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Halifax police launch real-time crime centre to 'reverse flow of information'

Forewarned is forearmed. Analysts will provide key details, data to officers



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Police in Halifax are launching a pilot project to test out a new facility that will "reverse the flow of information" to ensure officers responding to critical incidents or crime scenes have key data before they arrive.

The new Real Time Crime Centre (RTCC) will launch Feb. 1, and involves crime analysts from Halifax Regional Police and RCMP monitoring police calls, social media and video feeds and sending relevant information to officers in the field.

"Right now, we feed the



Police respond to a weapons call in Burnside last year in this file photo. JEFF HARPER/METRO

system and we rely on data after the fact to analyze that situation," Halifax RCMP Supt. Roland Wells told the

Board of Police Commissioners this week.

"This is about in real time an analyst ... saying to the

officer, these are things you need to be aware of and feeding it down to that person as opposed to them having to go

Extra support

"Right now, we have the ability to ramp up for any type of incident, we can bring our people in. This (centre) is about having them there all the time, ready."

Halifax Regional Police Deputy Chief Bill Moore

look for it."

The RTCC will be triggered by specific calls, including murders, kidnappings, Amber Alerts or thefts in progress, or in response to critical emerging incidents such as reported shootings, gun sightings or terror threats.

Although police and analysts can mobilize to deal with emerging situations the board heard that having a real-time team on hand is es-

sential in the face of accelerated timelines.

"In some places in the U.S., these sites include what are called gunshot monitors," said Wells.

"It will advise this group, there's something that could be a gunshot in that area so that we can get out ahead of a call for service with containment and appropriate officer safety interventions."

The two-month pilot project will launch on a part-time basis with one full- and one part-time analyst, but Supt. Sean Auld said it's important to start small.

"There are ... centres in Canada who didn't do due diligence, perhaps, and now looking at changing their staffing levels," he said. "We're starting very small — crawl, walk, run, gather some hard evidence — so we can make the right decisions in terms of the feasibility and the direction."

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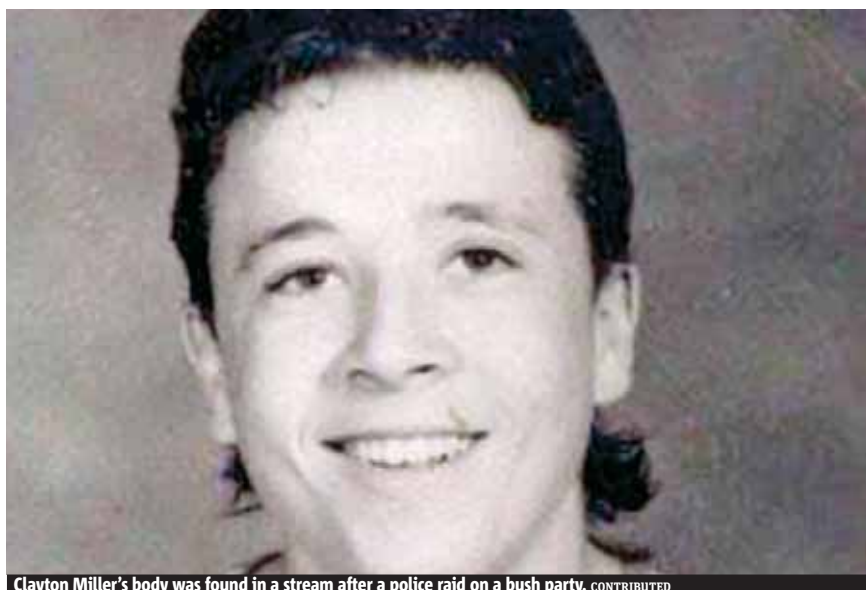
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Clayton Miller's body was found in a stream after a police raid on a bush party. CONTRIBUTED

Police probe lead in Miller cold case

Nova Scotia. Officials investigating possibility of new information into case of teen who was found dead in 1990

The Serious Incident Response Team in Nova Scotia is investigating the accuracy of information it received that alleges a current member of the Cape Breton police may have undisclosed information on the death of Clayton Miller.

Miller's 17-year-old body was found in a stream in 1990 after police raided a bush party.

Doctors came to differing conclusions about the cause

Quoted

"The investigation will attempt to determine if in fact it discloses any criminal offence."

Statement released Thursday by Serious Incident Response Team director Ron MacDonald.

of his death and an inquest and RCMP investigation both cleared the New Waterford police department of any wrongdoing. But his family have raised questions about the circumstances surrounding his death, saying they believe there is more to be known that has not been publicly released.

The Serious Incident Response Team says it received information in October and its investigation is ongoing.

Director Ron MacDonald says the police watchdog did not notify the public previously in order to protect the integrity of specific investigative steps.

He says if accurate, the information may be considered evidence of obstruction of justice. The Serious Incident Response Team's mandate is limited to consider incidents after April 2012, and MacDonald says their investigation is restricted to possible current offences.

MacDonald says he will meet with Miller's family in the near future.

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Alexander Cole

Police find missing Dartmouth man

Police in Halifax say they have located a missing Dartmouth man who hadn't been heard from or seen since the weekend.

Alexander Cole, 37, had been last seen leaving his residence on Windmill Road on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. to go to the Young Street Superstore.

Police say Cole didn't return from his shopping trip and hadn't been heard from since. On Thursday, police announced that Cole had been located safe and sound in the morning.

No other details were provided. METRO

Leakage. Furnace oil may have ended up in lake

The province alerted the public Thursday about a small amount of furnace oil being released into a roadside stormwater system near the west of Lake Thomas, which is between Waverley and Fall River.

A release says Halifax Water and firefighters con-

tained the release and cleared the storm system, but the potential was there for a small amount of oil to have gone into the lake.

If people notice a change in taste or smell to their water, they are advised to have it tested.


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Spelling apology

Correction

Shawn Cormier is the former owner of Shear Logic Hairstyling in Halifax.

Cormier's first name was spelled incorrectly in the Jan. 15 story "Inquiry board rules salon owner sexually harassed gay employee." Metro apologizes for the error. METRO



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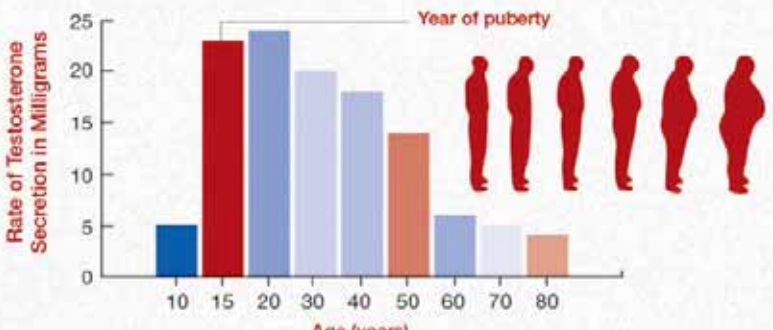
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It began with a scribble on a napkin and grew into a 25-foot sunflower.

Steven Weagle and his wife were brainstorming ideas on how to promote their new business, Sunflower Solar Inc., and raise awareness around the benefits of solar energy when it struck them: build a gigantic off-grid solar-power sunflower.

"Sunflowers are actually the most efficient design in nature for the collection of sun," Weagle explained Thursday.

The flower now towers above the parking lot of Farmer's Best along the Bedford Highway for all to admire after being installed on Wednesday.

Weagle explained that

Canada's investment

\$2.5B

According to Clean Energy Canada, the country has invested more than \$2.5 billion in the solar sector last year.

store owner Peter Giannoulis decided the one-of-a-kind plant would make the perfect sign for their business.

In addition to catching the eyes of potential customers, the flower holds five 245-watt panels, which will allow the nearby business to collect energy in a battery to use for lighting.

The market for solar energy is rapidly changing, Weagle explained, citing that new products are coming out everyday, which are bringing down the cost and increasing the accessibility of solar-power technology.

"The cost of energy is always going up ... but with an investment in solar, at any given rate you can look at power production with no maintenance for as long as 40 years," he said.



Members of Sunflower Solar Inc. work Thursday on the wiring at the base of a giant off-grid solar sunflower that is being installed at the Farmer's Best location on the Bedford Highway. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Trenton voices support for tolls and twinning

The Town of Trenton is joining the list of supporters for tolls, as a way to fund twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway 104 from Sutherland's River to Antigonish County.

Coun. Steven Cotter put forward a motion during

this week's council meeting to send a letter of support regarding the Municipality of Pictou County's efforts to bring the idea to the attention of the minister of transportation and infrastructure renewal.

"Every little bit will probably help," he said, adding that he is in support of twinning all dangerous sections of the highway, not just the part in Pictou County.

County councillor Robert Parker suggested in December

that tolls may be the answer to getting the highway twinned. The motion was passed 7 to 6 but still requires final approval from council this month.

Coun. Francis MacMillan questioned whether they should support the Municipal-

ity of Pictou County's letter in full, stating that he was in favour of twinning, but not necessarily tolls.

The motion went ahead to support the letter in full, with MacMillan voting against it.

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Absent

Trenton Mayor Glen MacKinnon was absent for both the meeting and the vote.



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Lisa Atkinson trained Chase, a rescue dog, to be a service dog for veteran Larry Mercer. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

Man's best friend is also man's big helper

Canine companion.
Graduation held for service dogs, trainer

A dog is a man's best friend. A dusty old cliché for certain, but one that fits when it comes to Larry Mercer and his canine companion Chase.

"With Chase, it's given me more freedom and it's opened up a lot of places for me and it's been very positive," Mercer, 49, said on Thursday, during a service dog and trainer graduation at Little Moe's Canine Academy in Bible Hill. "It's hard for a lot of people to understand what this means."

Mercer, a retired master

corporal and firefighter in the military, suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Through Paws Fur Thought, an organization that pairs service dogs with veterans, Mercer was able to obtain Chase after the pooch completed 40 weeks of behavioural training with Lisa Atkinson of Greenfield.

"It's a great day, a great day for me," said Mercer, who has worked with Chase and Atkinson for the past six weeks. "I've been out quite a bit with him to stores and so forth, but I have to build myself up to other stores and busier times."

Going out was something Mercer hadn't done much of in recent years, as his PTSD had

left him almost housebound. "(I was) reluctant to go to any stores," he said. "I'd have to be with my wife or my daughter because sometimes I could get to the front door, sometimes I couldn't. Sometimes my wife would have to leave work and come home and get me just to make sure I was OK."

Chase, however, picks up signs and symptoms from Mercer and will alert his owner before a situation gets out of control. "Chase knows my limits and that's a good thing," said Mercer, a Middle Sackville resident. "That's what I need, because I need an outside source to tell me to stop or to 'let's back off' before things escalate." **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

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Target. Closures send 'a very strong message'

U.S. retailers planning to cross the border can learn some valuable lessons from the failure of Target, which announced Thursday it is shutting down its 133 Canadian stores just two years after its much-anticipated launch.

"It's a huge thing, after two years, for a brand like Target to wave the white flag," said Doug Stephens, the founder of Toronto-based consulting firm Retail Prophet. "I think that really sends a very strong message to others that maybe the Canadian market isn't the easy pickings that they thought it might be."

Canadians, who had high hopes for the discount retailer known for its broad product selection and low prices, were underwhelmed when they discovered bare shelves and less-than-impressive pricing in the new locations.

It all speaks to the importance of understanding the Canadian market and making a good first impression, Stephens said.

"You've got to deliver on customer expectations or exceed them."

Target's missteps, including supply chain issues that left shelves nearly empty during the all-important launch, could serve as a cautionary tale

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"You've got to deliver on customer expectations or exceed them."

Retail Prophet founder Doug Stephens

for other U.S. retailers, experts say.

Retail analyst Mark Satov says the biggest lesson for U.S. retailers is to test the Canadian market by entering at a gradual pace, rather than opening a large number of stores at once.

"You dip your toe into a new market and you learn, while controlling the potential loss," Satov said.

When Target first entered Canada, they opened more than 120 stores in the first year — a "Herculean feat" for any retailer, said Stephens.

Ultimately, Target failed to grasp some of the nuances of the Canadian market that its more established competitors understood, said Satov.

While U.S. chains may pause to consider Target's failure, the company's exodus is good news for other Canadian retailers, with Walmart Canada and Canadian Tire set to benefit the most, according to RBC analyst Irene Nattel.

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Shoppers browse at a Target store in Toronto on Thursday. Target says it will close its stores in Canada — a market that it entered only two years ago.

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Target Corp. to close 133 Canadian stores

Billions lost. Target expects US\$5.4 billion in losses over its last quarter, mostly from its underperforming Canadian stores

Less than two years after Target Corp. threw open the doors of its first Canadian stores with grand expectations, the discount retailer is retreating back to the United States in defeat.

The Minneapolis-based company said Thursday it has decided to wind up its money-losing operations in Canada, a move that affects 133 stores and 17,600 employees across most of the country.

"After a thorough review of our Canadian performance and careful consideration of the implications of all options, we were unable to find a realistic scenario that would get Target Canada to profitability until at least 2021," said Target chairman and chief executive Brian Cornell in the announcement.

Before its launch, Target was once considered the biggest threat to Canadian businesses, partly because its reputation with consumers was unique. Many Canadians would trek south of the border to wander the aisles of U.S. Target stores searching for deals and products they couldn't find at home.

But when Target arrived in Canada the story wasn't the same, as complaints flooded social media about empty shelves, high prices and a selection that fell short of expectations.

Target Corp. will record about US\$5.4 billion in pre-tax



Workers install an outdoor sign at the new Target store at the Mic Mac Mall in Dartmouth, N.S. on July 20, 2013. Target says it will discontinue operating its 133 Canadian stores. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

losses in its fourth-quarter, with most of it related to the Canadian operation.

The company said it would provide US\$175 million of credit to fund Target Canada's operations while it winds down under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, or CCAA, a Canadian equivalent to the U.S. Bankruptcy Act.

RBC analyst Irene Nattel said it is unclear who would be in a position to take over Target's 133 stores.

Target says the stores will remain open during a court-supervised liquidation period and it's working to ensure employees are paid at least 16 weeks of severance.

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Retailers off-target

Target is far from the first retailer that has had trouble breaking into other markets. Here are some others:

- **Walmart.** The world's largest retailer, which now operates in 27 countries, rarely acknowledges defeat. But in 2006, the Bentonville, Arkansas-based discounter, threw in the towel in Germany.
- **Best Buy.** In January 2013, the consumer electronics chain said it would close 15 of its stores in Canada and

cut about 5 per cent of its workforce in the country as it tries to revamp its strategy there. In November 2011, it said was closing all 11 of its U.K. big-box stores.

- **Sony.** Sony Corp. also announced it would be closing its 14 retail stores in Canada; they will be shut down over the next six to eight weeks. The company said its products will still be available online.

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Flag turns 50. Feds cough up \$50k to mark Feb. 15

The federal government has allotted \$50,000 for celebrations for the upcoming 50th birthday of the iconic Maple Leaf flag.

That's compared to almost \$4 million for a campaign marking the 200th anniversary of Sir John A. Macdonald's birth, and \$5.2 million spent on the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

Canadian Heritage said Thursday that the \$50,000 includes funds for promotional material, a photo exhibit during Ottawa's upcoming Winterlude festivities and various "outreach products."

In an email, a spokesman

also said the department has provided more than \$200,000 to organizations, including provincial lieutenant-governors, for their 50th birthday projects.

By way of contrast, the government announced earlier this week it will spend \$1.5 million on a cross-country project to raise awareness about the Holodomor, a state-sponsored famine in Ukraine in 1932-33 in which millions starved while resisting Soviet collectivist policies. The flag — the brainchild of Liberal prime minister Lester B. Pearson — turns 50 on Feb. 15.

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Hunt. Dwindling caribou leads to wolf culling in B.C.

Government-contracted hunters were in helicopters over two regions of British Columbia on Thursday as the province launched a controversial culling program that will sacrifice as many as 184 wolves this year alone in an attempt to save endangered caribou.

The province announced a plan to immediately start killing wolves during the next four years in the South Peace region, located in northern B.C., and in the South Selkirk region along the border with Washington state and Idaho.

The areas are home to dwindling caribou herds, and the government insists that thinning out the wolf population is a viable solution to protect the herds and allow their numbers to increase. The Alberta government has had a similar program in place for almost a decade.

But B.C.'s plan faced immediate resistance from environmentalists, who condemned such mass culls as inhumane and ineffective while accusing the government of ignoring the habitat degradation at the heart of the caribou's plight.

Plan to increase herd

The South Selkirk herd had just 18 caribou by March of last year — down from 46 in 2009.

- In the South Peace region, there are roughly 950 caribou in seven herds, the government said.
- The province's goal is to increase that number to more than 1,200 within 21 years.

Tom Ethier, an assistant deputy minister with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, said a wolf cull is the only way to have an immediate impact on the caribou population.

"Some of the modelling we've done here is that by removing wolves, removing this predation risk for these two areas, we can get an increase of around 10 per cent per year over the next number of years," Ethier said in an interview.

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Fevers going up, immunity going down

Flu vaccine. This year's formula isn't that effective, according to a new report

A new report from American scientists suggests this year's flu vaccine is offering modest levels of protection against the influenza viruses that are in circulation.

And while Canadian esti-

mates are still being worked on, there is reason to suspect the vaccine effectiveness in this country may be lower still than what is being seen south of the border.

The report, published today by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, suggests that on average, the vaccine lowers a person's risk of getting sick enough to need medical care by 23 per cent.

That low level of protection is attributed to the fact

that the H3N2 viruses that are causing most of the flu this year in North America aren't a good match for the one in this year's vaccine.

The CDC report says about two-thirds of the H3N2 viruses seen in the U.S. so far this winter are not the type included in the vaccine because the viruses have mutated or drifted.

A leading Canadian flu researcher says in Canada, nearly all the H3N2 viruses

that are being seen are drifted viruses, so the vaccine may not be working as well here.

Dr. Danuta Skowronski of the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control says the U.S. study shows modest protection in children aged six months to 17 years. But in 18 to 49-year-olds, and people aged 50 or older, the protection is 12 and 14 per cent respectively — and the numbers aren't statistically significant.

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AirAsia wreckage

Bad weather hinders search

Bad weather and poor underwater visibility on Thursday prevented Indonesian navy divers from searching inside the large chunk of AirAsia jet wreckage that is believed to be the fuselage.

At least 15 divers descended to the seabed at a depth of 28 metres to

examine the piece of wreckage calculate its weight and search for bodies.

They were unable to do so because of the weather and sea conditions said the operation director at the National Search and Rescue Agency. When bodies are found, divers will put them in body bags, and hoist them to the surface. The section of the plane's body was first spotted Wednesday by a Singaporean navy ship.

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West Texas

Prison bus crash kills eight inmates, two guards

Investigators trying to determine the cause of a West Texas prison bus crash that killed eight inmates and two guards were returning to the site Thursday to sift through the debris.

The state Department of Criminal Justice bus

skidded on an icy overpass, slid down an embankment and collided with a passing Union Pacific freight train Wednesday morning, leaving the bus a crumpled mass in Penwell near Odesa. Eight prisoners and two long-time prison department officers, including the driver, were killed.

The prisoners did not have seat belts and were handcuffed together in pairs, officials said.

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Pallbearers carry the casket of Charlie Hebdo cartoonist Bernard Verlhac, known as Tignous, decorated by colleagues. MICHEL EULER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

France hit by cyberattacks

Charlie Hebdo fallout.

France is on edge since last week's terror attacks; French president seeks to calm religious tensions

Hackers have targeted about 19,000 French websites since a rampage by Islamic extremists left 20 dead last week, a top French cyberdefense official said Thursday as the president tried to calm the nation's inflamed religious tensions.

France is on edge since last week's attacks, which began Jan. 7 at the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo.

The paper, repeatedly threatened for its caricatures of the Muslim Prophet Muhammad, buried several of its slain staff members Thursday even as it reprinted another weekly issue with Muhammad on its cover.

Calling it an unprecedented surge, Adm. Arnaud Coustiliere, head of cyberdefense for the French military, said about 19,000 French websites had faced cyberattacks in recent days, some carried out by well-known Islamic hacker groups.

The attacks, mostly relatively minor denial-of-service attacks, hit sites as varied as military regiments to pizza

What the Pope says

Pope Francis said Thursday there are limits to freedom of speech, especially when it insults or ridicules someone's faith.

- Francis spoke about the Paris attacks while en route to the Philippines, defending free speech as not only a fundamental human right but a duty to speak one's mind for the common good. But he said there were limits.
- Francis by no means said the violent attack on Charlie Hebdo was justified. He said such horrific violence in God's name couldn't be justified and was an "aberration."

shops but none appeared to have caused serious damage, he said. Military authorities launched round-the-clock surveillance to protect the government sites still coming under attack.

"What's new, what's important, is that this is 19,000 sites — that's never been seen before," Coustilliere said. "This is the first time that a country has been faced with such a large wave."

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Bombardier shares in tailspin after business jet put on hold

Learjet 85. Slow sales, not technical issues, behind decision to pause development of jet, company chief says

Bombardier's shares plunged more than 25 per cent in heavy trading Thursday following a revised outlook for its aerospace business, including plans to put development of the Learjet 85 business jet on hold, eliminating 1,000 jobs in the United States and Mexico.

On the Toronto Stock Exchange, the Montreal-based company's shares dropped \$1.07, or 25.85 per cent, to a more-than-two-year low of \$3.07 on a very heavy volume of some 65 million shares.

The aerospace and rail equipment manufacturer said before markets opened that it would "pause" development of the Learjet 85, but continue to sell other models



Bombardier said it plans to put development of the Learjet 85, pictured above, on hold due to weak customer interest. CONTRIBUTED

and focus on two other aircraft programs — the Global 7000/8000 business jet and the much-delayed CSeries passenger jet for commercial airlines.

About 600 employees who worked on the Learjet 85 will be switched to the Global and

CSeries projects, the company said.

President and CEO Pierre Beaudoin confirmed slow sales and weak immediate prospects for improvement in the smaller business jet market were behind the Learjet 85 decision, not because

Quoted

"It's a market that has not come back since 2008 and we think that the right decision ... is to take a pause."

Pierre Beaudoin, Bombardier's president and CEO

of any further technical problems with the aircraft, whose first flight was delayed until last April.

Beaudoin denied that Thursday's announcement signals that Bombardier is in peril. "We have a product line where we are the global leaders in business aircraft, regional aircraft and in our train business," he said.

The Learjet announcement follows last year's elimination of 2,900 positions around the world. It laid off more than 200 workers last June because of delays in the Learjet 85 flight test program.

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Caesars. Unit of casino giant files for Chapter 11

A cash-strapped division of casino giant Caesars Entertainment Corp. said early Thursday that it filed for bankruptcy protection in Chicago, hoping the court agrees to its plan to get out from under \$18.4 billion US of debt.

The division Caesars Entertainment Operating Co. owns and operates most of Caesars' 50 properties worldwide. Caesars CEO Gary Loveman said in a statement that its casino-hotels would

remain open and continue to host meetings and events, assuring customers that their loyalty points would still accrue and the company's lineup of on-stage entertainers would keep performing according to their schedules.

More than 30,000 people are employed at Caesars Entertainment Operating Co.'s 38 casino-hotels, including Bally's and Caesars in Atlantic City and the iconic Caesars Palace on the Las Vegas Strip.

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A man takes photos of Caesars Palace hotel and casino in Las Vegas Monday. The cash-strapped division of casino giant Caesars Entertainment Corp. said Thursday it filed for bankruptcy protection. JOHN LOCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

BlackBerry. Shares give back half of recent gains

BlackBerry shares have given back a little over half of the spectacular gains that they made late Wednesday after a news report said the Canadian smartphone company had been approached by South Korean rival Samsung with a takeover offer.

Both companies have since issued denials.

BlackBerry responded late Wednesday that it has not engaged in discussions with Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. about a possible takeover and Samsung sent an email saying the report was "groundless."

Reuters said Samsung had met with BlackBerry executives over the possibility of buying the Canadian company for \$7.5 billion US. The news agency cited both a source familiar with the proposal and related documents. The two companies are rivals in the smartphone business but have worked together on technology.

BlackBerry and Samsung announced a partnership last November where the Waterloo, Ont.-based company made its mobile security technology available for the Android operating system that is used in many of Samsung's smartphones.

For BlackBerry, the ar-



BlackBerry shares have given back most of the spectacular gains that they made late Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

range ment gave their software the ability to work on Samsung's Galaxy and Note smartphones, while it provided Samsung an opportunity to get the attention of business customers that BlackBerry courts.

Samsung has been focused on selling its Knox security software to the business community in an effort to compete against similar offerings being developed by Apple Inc. and others.

"What Samsung needs is credibility in the business space, which is what BlackBerry is pivoting towards at this point," said Carmi Levy, analyst and writer at Voices.com, a London, Ont.-based web technology company.

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Furniture

Ikea recalling baby mattresses in Canada, U.S.

Ikea says it's recalling 169,000 baby crib mattresses in Canada and the U.S. after receiving two reports of infants getting trapped between the mattress and the end panels.

Ikea said the children were not injured.

The recall applies to mattresses used for Ikea's Vyssa-style cribs, including the models Vacker, Vinka, Spelevink, Sloa and Slumler.

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PUTTING A CAULKING GUN IN YOUR BUTT IS NOT BEAUTIFUL



THE KOHLER REPORT
By Rebecca Kohler

How far would you go to get an ass like Kim Kardashian's? Would you do 700 squats a week to build your glutes? Or eat a bucket of KFC per day in hopes of plumping up? Maybe both at once?

Would you meet a woman, claiming to be a nurse who trained in South America, in a hotel room and pay her thousands of dollars to inject "something" into your buttock using a caulking gun? If it's the last one, you wouldn't be alone.

It was reported this week that Toronto-area woman Marilyn Ely Reid pleaded guilty to eight counts of aggravated assault after injecting at least nine women's bum-bums with polymethyl-methacrylate (PMMA), a hard plastic used as a shatter-resistant alternative to regular glass, among other things. The "procedure," which is not approved by Health Canada, led to severe complications in most of the women and,

according to doctors, could have been fatal.

Marilyn Reid is clearly an opportunistic monster who should certainly go to jail. But this story saddened me past the fact that some people are terrible.

I have insecurities: face, stomach, overall entire body, the usual. I won't lie, I've Googled certain plastic surgery procedures out of curiosity. There was one involving the under-eye area I was even tempted to pursue, but then I read that there was a two-week healing period.

I realized I'd either have to hide in a cave for two weeks or go out in public and admit that I'd had plastic surgery. I very quickly decided my eyes weren't that bad and went to Shoppers and bought an overpriced cream that I made myself believe would work instead.

I get wanting to "improve" yourself. And I don't want to judge the women who trusted Marilyn Reid and say they should have known that aside from prostitutes and drug dealers, anyone who wants to conduct business in a ho-

tel room is shady at best. But why would these women risk their lives for a passing fad? How long will big butts even be the bomb?

Nicki Minaj and Meghan Trainor are in today, but whose butt will we look to tomorrow? The media is like a weather forecast for your self-esteem. If you have a booty today, great, you're all set. But next time the Twiggy-tucks is in and you get liposuction, should you save the fat? Keep it in a Ziploc and freeze it so when round rears come back, you can have your butt reinstated?

A quick Google of PMMA brings up some scary stuff. Once it's in your body, it's difficult to remove. Infections are common and pieces of the stuff can get loose in your blood stream and cause all sorts of havoc.

One of Reid's victims was left permanently disfigured, others developed abscesses, infections and one woman was in the hospital for three weeks and couldn't work for an entire year. All this to look better twerking?

I found this post in an Ask an Expert forum: "I had PMMA injections done on my butt in November and I wanted to know when does it stop growing and are there any long term side effects?"

Imagine having a substance in your body that won't stop "growing." And imagine having to resort to the Internet for medical advice because when you tried to ask the person who administered your injections you realized it was just a circus monkey in a white coat.

From Marilyn Monroe to Kate Moss to Kim Kardashian, society itself is on a yo-yo diet and everyone knows yo-yo dieting is bad for you. I'm not saying we can't admire Kardashian's butt, it's an amazing butt, but, do you really want to die for it?

Rebecca Kohler is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter at @becca_kohler

Target says goodbye

FAREWELL, DEAR TARGET



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When you receive texts from multiple people conveying their condolences to you on the closure of Target, you start to realize you may have a problem.

Thankfully I was already wearing black and didn't have to rush home and put on my mourning clothes.

I have been to Target in the United States, and yes, it is far superior. However, Target Canada was still better than my other options. And the clearance? Amazing! When I got \$75 video games for \$10 and gave them out at kids' birthday parties I felt like Oprah handing out cars. Our family moved into a new home this past year, and the whole place is basically a Target store ad. On closing day when we picked up our keys, we stopped at Target before we went home to pick up the flatbed trolley of furniture I had on hold.

We didn't have a dining room table or a bed, but we had a blue velvet bench with tufted buttons. (On clearance, thank you very much.)

Oh, Target. The place where I have browsed, tried on, and spent too much (way too much) money. It's where I learned that 70 per cent off really did exist and people in red shirts and khakis were the grownup version of Disney characters. It's where I went at least a couple times a week to hide from my husband and two young kids and get lost in the never-ending supply of chevron fashion scarves.

I may hold a memorial service for Target.

I'll serve tea sandwiches on a stylish metal tray from the kitchen department, guests can sit on one of the slipper chairs I purchased from the furniture department, and we'll wipe our tears away with tissues from home essentials.

So long, Target. Although my husband and my Visa bill won't miss you, I definitely will.
Evie Sabeau lives in Bedford, N.S. and will soon have more time on her hands and money in her pocket.



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NO - THERE ISN'T ONE CLOSE TO ME.

TARGET DIDN'T LIVE UP TO EXPECTATIONS



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Confession time: As one of those rare Manitobans who didn't shop across the border, Target always seemed an enigma to me, like a far-off Shangri-La.

Those people I knew who did make the trip to Grand Forks would return with stories of cheap clothes, foods, and brand names that weren't available in Canada.

When Target announced it was moving into Winnipeg, I didn't know what to expect, but there were thousands of my fellow 'Peggys who did.

The rich man's Zellers

Target seemed to look the same as when its predecessor Zellers had its liquidation sale, albeit more clean.

And it seems Target simply didn't live up to expectations. It sure didn't for me about three weeks before this past Halloween, when the flyer brandishing cheap candy brought me to the Kildonan Place store on the same Friday the sale prices kicked in. But there was nothing when I got there in the afternoon — on the same day the sale started. Bare shelves were a common problem; Target seemed to look the same as when its predecessor Zellers had its liquidation sale, albeit more clean. The prices weren't as good as the other big box stores, and if there isn't enough stock, customers won't waste time going there.

I'm not shedding a tear at Target's departure, though I am heartbroken at the 17,600 people who've lost their jobs. In Canada, Target just wasn't our Shangri-La.
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We can't hack more hacker plots

Analysis. Universal has been mum on finding links between the Sony scandal and their high-tech thriller *Blackhat*

Sometimes clichés are clichés because they are true. No news is good news. A penny saved is a penny earned. Any publicity is good publicity.

No news is usually good news — unless you're the editor of a newspaper with blank pages to fill — and the math behind a penny saved is a penny earned isn't so hard to figure out, but recently the veracity of any publicity being good publicity has been put to the test.

The Sony hack and ensuing commotion that swirled around the Seth Rogen movie *The Interview* garnered headlines around the world, moving the story off the entertainment pages and into the news sections.

Stories, some true some not, and reviews, some good, some not, lit up social media.

The brouhaha surrounding the film lived at the very heart of popular culture for several weeks and even President Obama weighed in. But notwithstanding the endorsement of the most powerful film critic in the world, the movie is unlikely to actually make money.

The Guardian suggests *The Interview*'s total cost sits somewhere near \$80 million in production and marketing costs, and at the time of this writing has only earned \$36 million in digital rentals, purchases



Chris Hemsworth plays the world's hottest computer nerd in *Blackhat*. CONTRIBUTED

In Focus

RICHARD CROUSE



Blackhat

Director. Michael Mann

Stars. Chris Hemsworth, Viola Davis



Cyber crime is a hot-button topic but it doesn't make for very compelling cinema. *Blackhat*, director Michael Mann's new thriller, is hampered by a lack of drama. Chris Hemsworth plays a genius hacker sprung from prison to help the FBI and Chinese government track

down a cyber terrorist, but endless scenes of Hemsworth furiously typing on a laptop aren't the stuff thrillers are made of. Mann tries to spice things up with frenetic shots of a camera racing along wires and onto the information highway, but we've seen that in every hacker movie ever made so it comes across as a hack move in a movie without much to offer. He does stage the occasional heart-pounding action scene, but at 133 minutes the movie feels in need of a reboot.

and traditional theatrical receipts. The Guardian also says Sony could be facing "damage north of \$1 billion by some estimates" as a result of the hack.

So, if this was all a massive publicity stunt, as asserted by certain outspoken twitterati, it was a marketing failure of Titanic proportions and it could even hurt the box office of other films.

This weekend *Blackhat* stars Chris Hemsworth as the world's best-looking computer hacker, now serving a 15-year sentence for internet crime.

Authorities give him a get-out-of-jail-free card because he's the only computer whiz on earth geekified enough to stop a cyber terrorist from causing havoc.

You might think a hacking movie would be perfectly timed to take advantage of the hoopla surrounding the Sony situation and yet Universal made no attempt to connect the dots between real-life events and their movie.

Why? The New York Times, quoting unnamed sources, opined that "ticket buyers could be tired of hacking stories after weeks of media attention on Sony, and a film that is too topical might strike potential viewers as less entertaining."

Perhaps Universal's decision not to cash in on the publicity generated by real life events reveals there is no room for current events in a marketplace where two of the top 10 grossing movies of 2014 were based on toy lines (the rest were inspired by novels and comic books) or maybe that sound we hear is the swoosh of an old cliché swirling down the bowl.

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Well, that takes the Cake! Aniston among Oscar nomination snubs

Academy Awards.

Selma receives token nominations, while Ralph Fiennes and Jake Gyllenhaal join Aniston in getting cold shoulder

MATT PRIGGE

Metro in New York City

The big takeaway from the Oscar nominations isn't what was nominated but what wasn't.

Selma seemed like a no-brainer Academy Awards shoe-in: the first Hollywood film about Martin Luther King Jr. (played by David Oyelowo), directed not by a white man but by a black woman (Ava DuVernay), released into the world amidst race-related marches and protests not too dissimilar from the ones recreated in the film. To paraphrase (with censoring) William Hurt in *A History of Violence*, how do you screw *that* up?

And yet *Selma* wound up with a mere two nominations, one for best song (by John Legend and Common, that won a Golden Globe Sunday) and a token one for best picture. "Token best picture nomination" is a strange-sounding term, but that's how it goes when there are now eight best picture nominees. Would *Selma* have even gotten that in the age of five nominees?

Also snubbed were DuVernay, whose win would have been the kind of story Oscar voters (and journos, and readers) love, and Oyelowo (ditto). But hey, AMAPS feted 12 Years a Slave last year, so maybe they think they can take a year off from caring about race?

Also ignored was Ralph Fiennes' alert, hilarious turn in Wes Anderson's *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, which nonetheless received nine nominations — the most of any single film. (In second came *Birdman*, with eight.) Jake Gyllenhaal was MIA for his electric turn as a sociopathic freelance journalist in *Nightcrawler*. And after a baldly transparent Oscar campaign for her tiny film *Cake*, Jennifer Aniston — who gained weight for the film — was not among the best actress nominees.

Upsets also happened in the best animated feature category — where one of the



Michael Keaton and Edward Norton in *Birdman*.

Canadian nominees

Three Canadians are celebrating Oscar nominations for their work on animated films.

- How To Train Your Dragon 2 director Dean DeBlois, fresh off a Golden Globe win for best animated feature, is now up for an Academy Award in the same category. DeBlois is from Aylmer, Que.
- Graham Annable of Sault Ste Marie, Ont., is also nominated for a best animated feature Oscar as a co-director for *The Boxtrolls*.
- And Norway-born, Montreal-raised Torill Kove is up for a prize in the best animated short film category for *Me and My Moulton*.



Reese Witherspoon in *Wild*. CONTRIBUTED



Foxcatcher received several nominations including best director. CONTRIBUTED

largely ignored by the Golden Globes, Clint Eastwood's non-jingoistic *American Sniper* walked off with six nominations, including picture and actor, for Bradley Cooper.

Perhaps the best news, after *The Grand Budapest Hotel*'s many noms, is *Boyhood* and its six nominations, including picture, director (for Richard Linklater), and supporting actress (Patricia Arquette) and actor (Ethan Hawke). Filmed piecemeal over 12 years, *Boyhood* won the Golden Globe for best pic-

ture (drama) and seems to be the frontrunner for the biggest trophy.

Also continuing their awards season dominance were *Birdman*, *The Imitation Game* and *The Theory of Everything*, which cleaned up in the acting categories. And if anyone cares, *Interstellar* received two separate sound nominations, despite complaints that at times few could even make out what the hell the actors were saying.

The ceremony airs on Sunday, Feb. 22.

The Oscars. And the top nominations go to...

It's the moment you — or at least professional "Oscar prognosticators" — have been waiting for. The Oscar nominations have been announced. The show airs Feb. 22, giving you less than a month to catch up with *Selma*, *Still Alice*, *Whiplash* and — who are we kidding? You're just going to see *Taken 3* again.

Among the notable snubs, incidentally: *Selma* for everything but Best Picture and Best Song, Ralph Fiennes for *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, *The Lego Movie* and the Roger Ebert doc *Life Itself*. Then again, Marion Cotillard for *Two Days, One Night*!

Best Picture

- *American Sniper*
- *Birdman*
- *Boyhood*
- *The Grand Budapest Hotel*
- *The Imitation Game*
- *Selma*
- *The Theory of Everything*
- *Whiplash*

Best Director

- Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, *Birdman*
- Richard Linklater, *Boyhood*
- Bennett Miller, *Foxcatcher*
- Wes Anderson, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*
- Morten Tyldem, *The Imitation Game*

Best Actor

- Steve Carell, *Foxcatcher*
- Bradley Cooper, *American Sniper*
- Benedict Cumberbatch, *The Imitation Game*
- Michael Keaton, *Birdman*
- Eddie Redmayne, *The Theory of Everything*

Best Actress

- Marion Cotillard, *Two Days, One Night*
- Felicity Jones, *The Theory of Everything*
- Julianne Moore, *Still Alice*
- Rosamund Pike, *Gone Girl*
- Reese Witherspoon, *Wild*

Best Supporting Actor

- Robert Duvall, *The Judge*
- Ethan Hawke, *Boyhood*
- Edward Norton, *Birdman*

- Mark Ruffalo, *Foxcatcher*
- J.K. Simmons, *Whiplash*

Best Supporting Actress

- Patricia Arquette, *Boyhood*
- Laura Dern, *Wild*
- Keira Knightley, *The Imitation Game*
- Emma Stone, *Birdman*
- Meryl Streep, *Into the Woods*

Best Adapted Screenplay

- *American Sniper*
- *The Imitation Game*
- *Inherent Vice*
- *The Theory of Everything*
- *Whiplash*

Best Original Screenplay

- *Birdman*
- *Boyhood*
- *Foxcatcher*
- *The Grand Budapest Hotel*
- *Nightcrawler*

Best Foreign Film

- *Ida*
- *Leviathan*
- *Tangerines*
- *Timbuktu*
- *Wild Tales*

Best Documentary Feature

- *Citizenfour*
- *Finding Vivian Maier*
- *Last Days in Vietnam*
- *Virunga*
- *Salt of the Earth*

Best Animated Feature

- *Big Hero 6*
- *The Boxtrolls*
- *How to Train Your Dragon 2*
- *Song of the Sea*
- *The Tale of the Princess Kaguya*

Best Song

- *The Lego Movie*
- *Selma*
- *Beyond the Lights*
- Glen Campbell: *I'll Be Me*
- *Begin Again*

Best Cinematography

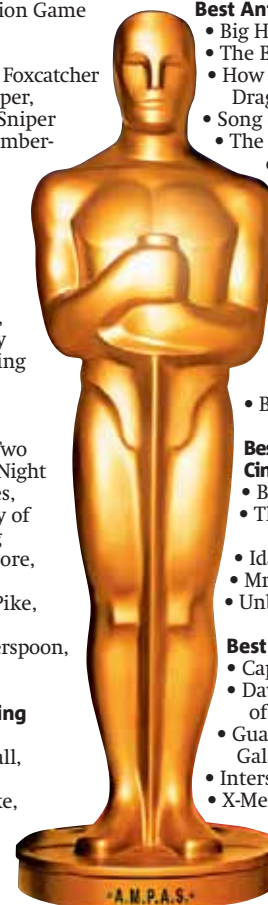
- *Birdman*
- *The Grand Budapest Hotel*
- *Ida*
- *Mr. Turner*
- *Unbroken*

Best Visual Effects

- *Captain America*
- *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*
- *Guardians of the Galaxy*
- *Interstellar*
- *X-Men: Days of Future Past*

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Miller's career takes a turn for the serious

Movie roles. The U.K. actress used to be best known as tabloid fodder, but now she's landing some heavy-hitting parts

MATT PRIGGE
Metro in New York City

When she was younger, Sienna Miller was a paparazzi magnet. Photographers chased the English actress down streets, and the media obsessed over her relationships and dwelled on her beauty, not her acting.

Now, she seems to have taken drastic steps to shed all that. In 2012 she gave birth to her daughter, Marlowe, with her now-fiancé Tom Sturridge, and regularly describes their life as "boring."

But she's also back in high-profile movies, after years in smaller fare. She played Nancy Schultz, wife of Mark Ruffalo's doomed character, in Foxcatcher, and now plays Taya Kyle, wife of late Army sharp-

shooter Chris Kyle (played by Bradley Cooper) in Clint Eastwood's American Sniper. And there's plenty more where that came from.

In real life, Taya is very animated. She's definitely not just The Wife.

She's a real firecracker. She's definitely not just a military wife. Clint, I think, is so respectful of women and historically has made movies with great roles for women in them. He'd never have let her be one-dimensional. But it's not her story; it's Chris' story. I'd love to do a movie about Taya. She deserves it. You try to pack a lot into these small, infrequent moments that served the story. I do think her sense of humour, her feistiness shines through.

Taya was very involved with the making of this film and has done press. Was she there as you were filming?

She wasn't on set at all; she'd talk through all the takes. I say this because I love her. She's such an oracle for everyone leading up to it, then was



Sienna Miller as Taya Kyle in American Sniper. CONTRIBUTED

happy to just let us make the film. On Foxcatcher, Nancy Schultz was on-set. That was intimidating, because you feel very self-conscious having the

person you're playing watching what you're doing.

How lightly do you tread when talking to someone

who suffered this kind of tragedy?

You want to explore every aspect of their relationship while trying to be sensitive

New opportunities

- "I made a pact after I had a baby that I wanted to work with the best people. I don't care about the size of the roles; I just want to be in great films, just to learn from these people. Ten weeks after I gave birth to my daughter I was sent Foxcatcher. And once that happened, it opened up opportunities with other filmmakers, because they would tell other directors what I was like to work with. It was quite a good strategy, actually."

of the fact that they're still mourning. With Nancy, it happened a long time ago. She's sort of made peace with it, as awful as it was. Taya is still raw. The man who shot Chris is going on trial in February. She's been in this relentless cycle that's punishing and unforgiving.

Cooper did an excellent job of playing husband, widow says

Real-life story. Taya Kyle was reluctant at first to see her spouse's tale on screen, but the actor won her over

The wife of a famed Navy SEAL sniper said she struggled with the idea of someone playing the movie role of her husband, who was killed two years ago near Fort Worth, Texas.

But Taya Kyle told The Dallas Morning News that actor Bradley Cooper did an excellent job accurately portraying her husband, Chris, and the difficult decisions he faced while fighting in Iraq and his struggles with determining his role when he returned from war.

In the film, a subtle facial tic that Cooper has as he looks through the scope of his weapon made Kyle nearly forget she was watching an actor on screen, she said. "It'd be almost like a tell in poker," she said. "In a stressful situation, Chris would do that."

The movie, American Sniper, is based on Chris Kyle's



Taya Kyle, the wife of a Navy SEAL whose story was portrayed in American Sniper. GETTY IMAGES

2012 memoir that recounts his journey from being a rodeo cowboy to a trained sniper credited with 160 kills. He was honourably discharged in 2009 after 10 years of service, including four tours in Iraq.

In February 2013, Kyle and his friend Chad Littlefield were killed at a shooting range. Ex-Marine Eddie Ray Routh is charged with capital murder, and authorities say he confessed to the killings to a Texas Ranger. He remains in jail in lieu of \$3 million US bail. His

trial is scheduled to start next month.

Cooper and the film's director, Clint Eastwood, visited Taya Kyle in Midlothian — about 25 miles south of Dallas — before filming. The trio sat around and talked, with Kyle showing them her husband's baseball caps, cowboy boots and the clothes still hanging in his closet. "It felt like I had a couple of friends over," she said. "They were very respectful, kind and warm."

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Hemsworth whips into shape to play a brainy cyber hacker

Blackhat. Avenger's Thor had to slim down and improve his computer skills for his role as Hathaway in new Michael Mann cyber-security thriller

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When you hire the guy who plays Thor in The Avengers to be the lead hacker in your cyber-security drama, you accept that he's going to be one of those rare hackers in reality, really good shape.

But Michael Mann wanted it to at least be plausible that Chris Hemsworth's super-human physique could belong to an expert coder.

So we meet Hathaway — Hemsworth's character in Blackhat — behind bars, doing time for computer crimes, and a lot of push-ups.

"Once I'm done with Thor, I get rid of that bulk and size because that just sort of screams that character," Hemsworth explains. "Me and Michael talked about the time he'd spent in prison. You go in one person and come out another and, through those experiences he was going to physically be able to handle himself."

Being able to pull that off meant more than the usual post-Thor slim-down.

"I wanted to do more with my training than just running on the treadmill and trying to get rid of the weight," he says.



Chris Hemsworth plays a computer hacker in Blackhat. CONTRIBUTED

"I've boxed a lot in the past and done a lot of Muay Thai."

Of course, hitting the gym wasn't the only training Hemsworth had to undergo. He also had to pass muster behind a keyboard, something that was much more foreign to him.

So time spent with the cyber-security experts hired for the film — some of them former black hat hackers (the 'dark side' hackers) — proved invaluable.

"I was pretty limited in my digital, cyber involvement. It fascinated me," he says. "It became evident pretty quick that the majority of us knew nothing compared to what these guys knew."

"I remember asking one of the guys, 'Knowing what you know, do you look at the world differently? Do you feel you have an upper hand?'"

"He just started laughing.

Quoted

"That's the power now: the brains. They're the superheroes."

Actor Chris Hemsworth, on cyber experts

He said, 'Man, people have no idea how exposed they are and vulnerable and what's possible.'

"And that's it, that's the power now: the brains. Not just in the criminal world but anywhere, they're the guys that are the superheroes, you know? That sort of highly intelligent, alien-type advancement that these guys seem to have within themselves was something that, every day, impressed me."

Also impressive was Mann's insistence on shooting on location, in places as authentic to the story as possible — which

took them to Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta and Hong Kong.

"You could shoot on the backlot in L.A. somewhere, in some parking lot and mock it up on a green screen, which I've had plenty of over the years. But you have a visceral, physical response to being in those places," he explains.

"The sights and sounds and smells just bring something out of you, and you're not having to fake or imagine that it's there. It becomes as much of an actor — something you bounce off — as the other people you're working with."

"That was such a treat, to work in those places, which are loud and noisy. A lot of the time, I remember the sound guy was worried about it, 'We can't shoot this, it's too much noise.' And Michael was just, 'No, no, keep going, this is great.'"

Avatar sequels. James Cameron delays the first of three followup films

Director James Cameron said Wednesday that writing three Avatar sequels is such a complex job he will delay the first film by a year, so it will now be released in late 2017.

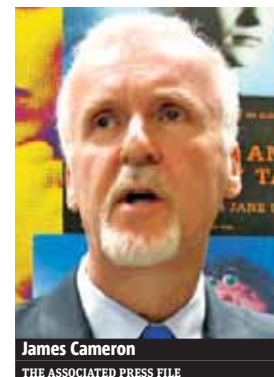
Cameron plans to film all of the highly anticipated sequels at one time and then release the three films over consecutive years.

The first had been due in late 2016, but he said the writing process proved to be "very involved" and that the initial target date was probably too ambitious.

"There's a layer of complexity in getting the story to work as a saga across three films that you don't get when you're making a stand-alone film," he said in Wellington, New Zealand, where he was helping promote the local film industry with other directors, including Peter Jackson.

Cameron said the goal is to have the three scripts completed this month. He's leading the writing team.

"We're writing three simultaneously. And we've done that so that everything tracks throughout the three films. We're not just going to do one and then make up another one and another one after that," he said. "And parallel with that, we're doing all the design. So we've designed



James Cameron
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all the creatures and the environments."

Cameron said it's important that each film links forward to the next one in a satisfying way, but also comes to a resolution so that the audience isn't left hanging.

Released in 2009, Avatar is the highest-grossing film in history, with a box-office take of nearly \$2.8 billion. It was named best drama at the Golden Globes and won

Academy Awards for cinematography, visual effects and art direction.

Cameron shot the original movie in New Zealand and is planning to shoot the sequels there.

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The original Avatar set a box-office record.

Remake

Affleck and Fincher to remake classic

Ben Affleck and David Fincher are reteaming for a remake of Alfred Hitchcock's Strangers on a Train.

On the heels of their hit Gone Girl, the star and director will reunite for a film based on the 1951 classic in which two strangers meet on a train

and conspire to carry out murders for one another.

Gone Girl scribe Gillian Flynn is expected to write the screenplay, based on a Patricia Highsmith novel.

Fincher's thriller is to move the initial meeting to a plane. Affleck will play the Farley Granger tennis star of the original, only he'll now be a Hollywood star in the midst of an Oscar campaign.

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Ben Affleck



Theatre award. Chris Pratt chosen as Hasty Pudding Man of the Year

Guardians of the Galaxy star Chris Pratt has been named Man of the Year by Harvard University's Hasty Pudding Theatricals.

Pratt also co-stars on Parks & Recreation with Amy Poehler, who was named as Hasty Pudding Woman of the Year last week.

"We vehemently deny that the members of the Hasty Pudding Theatricals are obsessed with Parks & Recreation," says Jason Hellerstein, president of the student group.

Wednesday's announcement says Pratt became "a bona fide Hollywood heavyweight" in the past year.

Pratt will receive his pudding pot Feb. 6 following a parade through Harvard Square and a roast. Poehler will be honoured Jan. 29.

Last year's winners were Helen Mirren and Neil Patrick Harris.

Hasty Pudding Theatricals is America's oldest undergraduate drama troupe, dating to the late 18th century.

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Chris Pratt starred in Guardians of the Galaxy. ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



Nicole Kidman plays Millicent in the new movie *Paddington*. CONTRIBUTED

Kidman is relishing her rare comedic role

Paddington. Leather-clad, stiletto-wearing femme fatale character was written with the Aussie star in mind, director admits

Nicole Kidman knows most people don't consider her a comedic actress.

In her 31-year career, her roles have ranged from the morose to the deliciously sadistic. There are a few comedies, but she doesn't get many offers for that type of work.

She has won an Oscar and worked with Stanley Kubrick, Jane Campion, and Lars Von Trier. So how did she end up in a modest role as a delightfully villainous taxidermist in the children's film *Paddington*, with a relatively unknown director at the helm?

The answer is simple: She was asked.

"The desire to run the gamut and be diverse is something you're taught at drama school," said Kidman. "We're trained in Shakespeare and then we're trained in Noel Coward and we're trained in mime classes. But a lot of times you're not given the opportunity to explore the things you've cultivated."

For director Paul King, it was a no-brainer. But it wasn't Kidman's 1996 romantic fantasy romp *Practical Magic* that he was thinking of. He'd seen

Gus Van Sant's *To Die For* and knew Kidman had to be his Millicent. In the film, Millicent is a leather-clad, stiletto-wearing femme fatale who will stop at nothing to stuff the iconic talking bear from *Darkest Peru* and put him in a museum.

"He wrote it for me. I'm not sure if that's a flattering thing or not," Kidman laughed.

King, who had mostly worked in British television, knew it was a long shot.

"You should never write for an actor because they'll just say no. But I did have her in mind," he said.

The hard part was convincing everyone to actually put the script in front of Kidman. As King describes it, it was a process of being politely insistent. Despite all the warnings that Kidman was "never" going to say yes, as soon as she heard the name *Paddington*, she jumped. Kidman had grown up reading Michael Bond's books in Australia and it just struck a nerve.

Ultimately, she was the easiest person to cast. She signed on in just 12 hours.

"You don't often see the silly side of Nicole and she's such a funny, easygoing person," said King, who really put the actress to the test. On Day 1, she was hanging upside down on wires and it got more challenging from there.

"I hope it gets a good response. It's smart," said Kidman of the movie, excitedly talking about how the physical comedy of the CG bear makes

Fallon bit a hit

During a recent appearance on *The Tonight Show* with Jimmy Fallon, Kidman charmingly revealed that the host had missed an opportunity to date her years ago. The YouTube video has more than 19 million views. Kidman insists the bit was "so not planned."

her two young daughters "squeal with laughter."

The past year was not exactly stellar for Kidman, with mid-dling releases like the thriller *Before I Go To Sleep* and the historical drama *The Railway Man*, and the mysterious non-release of *Grace of Monaco* in the United States.

"It's sad," said Kidman of the *Grace Kelly* drama. "I put so much work into it. I would have loved for it to have been embraced."

But Kidman insists that she's "not the actor who makes strategic choices. If you look at my career, it's pretty random."

She is taking the reins where she can. She and Reese Witherspoon optioned the rights to the book *Big Little Lies*, which is in development as a limited series. She's also starring in and producing the adaptation of the quirky novel *The Family Fang*.

"My life is a roller coaster. My career is a roller coaster. Some people get smooth sailing. I never get that," she said.

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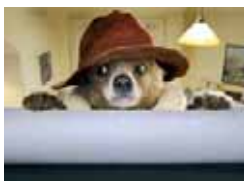
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Paddington

Director. Paul King

Stars. Nicole Kidman,
Hugh Bonneville

From the beloved novels by Michael Bond and producer David Heyman (Harry Potter), Paddington tells the story of the comic misadventures of a young Peruvian bear (voiced by Firth) who travels to the city in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone, he begins to realize that city life is not all he had imagined — until he meets the kindly Brown family.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
 96% 87%

Comedy



The Wedding Ringer

Director. Jeremy Garelick

Stars. Josh Gad, Kevin Hart

Doug Harris (Josh Gad) is a lovable but socially awkward groom-to-be with a problem: He has no best man. With less than two weeks to go until he marries the girl of his dreams (Kaley Cuoco-Sweeting), Doug is referred to Jimmy Callahan (Kevin Hart), owner and CEO of Best Man, Inc., a company that provides flattering best men for socially challenged guys in need. What ensues is a hilarious wedding charade.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
No reviews yet +93%

Drama



American Sniper

Director. Clint Eastwood

Stars. Bradley Cooper,
Sienna Miller

From director Clint Eastwood comes American Sniper, starring Bradley Cooper as Chris Kyle, the most lethal sniper in U.S. military history. U.S. Navy SEAL sniper Kyle is sent to Iraq with only one mission: to protect his brothers-in-arms. His pinpoint accuracy saves countless lives on the battlefield. However, his reputation is also growing behind enemy lines, putting a price on his head.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
 74% +99%

Mystery/Drama



Inherent Vice

Director. Paul Thomas Anderson

Stars. Joaquin Phoenix

Inherent Vice is the seventh feature from Paul Thomas Anderson and the first-ever film adaption of a Thomas Pynchon novel. Private eye Doc Sportello's ex-old lady suddenly shows up with a story about her current billionaire boyfriend, and a plot by his wife and her boyfriend to kidnap that billionaire and throw him in a looney bin...well, easy for her to say.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
 73% +94%

Action/Adventure



Taken 3

Director. Olivier Megaton

Stars. Liam Neeson,
Maggie Grace

Liam Neeson returns as ex-covert operative Bryan Mills, whose reconciliation with his ex-wife is tragically cut short when she is brutally murdered. Consumed with rage, and framed for the crime, he goes on the run to evade the relentless pursuit of the CIA, FBI and the police. For one last time, Mills must use his "particular set of skills," to track down the real killers.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
 31% +96%

Kids/Family



Into the Woods

Director. Sean Anders

Stars. Meryl Streep, Emily
Blunt, James Corden

Into the Woods is a modern twist on several of the beloved Brothers Grimm fairy tales, intertwining the plots of a few choice stories and exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests. This humorous and heartfelt musical follows the classic tales of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk and Rapunzel.

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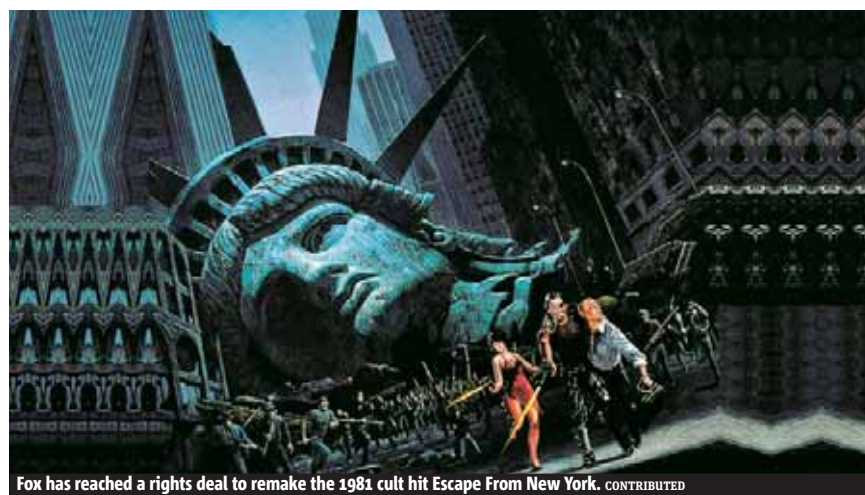
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Fox has reached a rights deal to remake the 1981 cult hit Escape From New York. CONTRIBUTED

Escape From New York
getting a reboot from Fox

Pending film. No script or cast yet for Kurt Russell classic's modern makeover

Fox has secured the rights to remake Escape From New York, John Carpenter's 1981 cult action movie, Deadline reveals.

In September, a wave of rumours suggested that a reboot of Escape from New York was in the works. Some sources even went as far as to speculate (prematurely) on who might follow in Kurt Russell's footsteps in the role of Snake Plissken. Charlie Hunnam, Dan Stevens, Jon Bernthal and Chris Hemsworth were among the names said to be

on the shortlist.

Deadline has learned that the remake is indeed underway and that a rights deal has just been reached with Fox.

However, the website specifies that the project does not yet have a script, so the producers have yet to consider any casting choices.

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Which Oscar nominee runs the risk of a Norbit?

Hooray, the Oscar nominations are a thing and we can move on with Awards Season! But don't forget, we're also in the glut of winter releases, when studios notoriously dump their shaggiest of dogs, and sometimes that can lead to some awkward cross-promotions for nominated actors.

The most famous case, the horribly received Norbit, came out in early February and is believed to have cost Eddie Murphy an Oscar for Dreamgirls in 2007. So who's running that risk this year? Why, only the odds-on-favourites in the

two biggest races. First up, Julianne Moore pretty much has the race tied up for her stellar work in Still Alice, but ads have already started hitting TV for Seventh Son, the not-great-looking fantasy action film featuring Moore as some sort of evil witch. Or at least inspiration for future drag queens. It also co-stars previous Oscar winner Jeff Bridges, who just looks embarrassed to be there. And then there's Best Actor nominee Eddie Redmayne, who also plays a campy villain in an early February release, this time in the Wachowskis'

Jupiter Ascending. The jury is still out on the sci-fi epic, which will likely either be spectacular or a mess. But Redmayne should come out pretty unscathed, since most of the Jupiter attention seems to be going to Channing Tatum — the only main Foxcatcher actor to not get nominated.

One thing is for sure. Reps for Whiplash star (and Best Supporting Actor favourite) J.K. Simmons are likely doing everything they can to get his goofy Farmers Insurance ads off TV screens before Oscar voting gets too ramped up.

Naya's been showered with criticism since TV remark

Glee star Naya Rivera is sorry. She's very, very sorry. During a stop at The View earlier this week, Rivera tossed off a few jokes about showering — namely that, "White people shower a lot more than ethnics. I feel like showering more than once a day or every day is such a white people thing." Apparently that didn't go over too well, as Rivera returned to the show to beg forgiveness. "It was supposed to be a joke. I apologize if anyone was offended," she said, directly addressing the viewers at home. "We were talking about a study that says we are



Naya Rivera

supposed to shower, I guess, once or twice every three days, which I had an opinion on — which was supposed to be a joke, but apparently didn't go over so well."



A still from The LEGO Movie

Fans cry foul over Oscar's LEGO Movie snub

Speaking of the Academy Award nominations, many have pointed out the glaring oversight that is The LEGO Movie being left out of the best animated film category. Clearly the Academy was aware of it, since its hit earworm Everything is Awesome

is up for Best Song, so what gives? While fans and critics were busy crying foul, though, the film's co-director, Phil Lord, was taking the high road — and keeping busy with the famous building toys.

Kirstie's all ready for a Bieber booty call

So, Kirstie Alley wants to make out with Justin Bieber. And I say we let her. Who are we to stand in the way of true happiness? Alley revealed her potentially scandalous desire on The Rachael Ray Show during a round of the clumsily renamed game Marry, Make Out or Move On. First of all, come on, Ms. Ray. The game is called F—, Marry, Kill. It loses all of its potency and fun when you over-sanitize it like that. Even the cleaner version the kids on YouTube play would be acceptable: Kiss, Marry, Kill. But yours? No. Now then, back to Alley. During the game, she's presented with the choice of Bieber, Harry Styles or Nick Jonas. "We've all seen Justin Bieber's Calvin Klein (ads). He's so handsome. What a handsome man. I'm just all over Justin Bieber," Alley says.

"I want to make out with him." She then says she'd marry Styles to "go on tour with him — because I want to seem younger."



Kirstie Alley



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Dinner. Red Wine Braised Beef is a great meal when you have a bit more time to spare



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When your cheeks are rosy from a day of being outside, nothing hits the spot like a comfort food classic. Plan ahead and let a blade roast slow-cook while you warm up in front of the fireplace.

1. With the rack in the middle position, preheat the oven to 350 F (180 C).

2. In a large ovenproof skillet, brown the meat in half the oil. Season with salt and pepper on both sides. Set the meat on a plate. In the same skillet, soften the shallots with the spices in the remaining oil (2 tbsp/30 ml). Sprinkle with the flour and mix well. Deglaze with the wine. Bring to a boil, whisking constantly.

3. Return the meat to the skillet. Add half the beef broth and the ketchup. Bring to a boil. Cover and roast in the oven for 3 hours. Turn the meat over three or four times during cooking and baste with the remaining beef broth.

4. Add the carrots and pancetta around the roast. Continue cooking, always covered, for about 1 hour or until the meat is fork tender and the vegetables are cooked.

5. To give a nice crust to braised meat, move the rack to the highest position of the oven. Set the oven to broil. Drain the meat and place on a baking sheet. Keep the sauce and toppings warm. Brush top of the roast with honey. Broil for about 3 minutes or until the surface starts to brown.

6. Serve meat with toppings and drizzle with sauce. Serve with barley. FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED IN 2014.

Ingredients

- 1 boneless beef blade roast, about 3 lb (1.5 kg) and about 3 inches (7.5 cm) thick
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 3 shallots, chopped
- 2 tsp crushed juniper berries
- 1/2 tsp cracked black pepper
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 cups (500 ml) red wine
- 2 cups (500 ml) beef broth, warm
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) ketchup
- 4 large carrots, diced
- 1/4 lb (115 g) pancetta, diced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey

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I've written it before, and I'll write it again: I'd never cook with a wine I wouldn't drink.

Not that I'd plunk down a week's pay on some vino to simply pour into a pan.

Wine is a secondary flavour component in any main course and not the focal point.

As a basic rule you should always pick a wine that matches your budget and key ingredient.

Today's recipe from Chef Ricardo is a great example of how well liquids and solids can work together in a dish. His braised beef is a hearty entrée that deserves a red wine that's in line with the mouth-filling texture of the meat.

Think a red Bordeaux from France, a spicy Australian Shiraz, a peppery Argentinean Malbec or a rich, full-bodied Chilean Cabernet like the 2013 Errazuriz Estate Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon (\$12.99 - \$14.99).

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Rainmen endure a stormy night

The Halifax Rainmen came out strong but fell short Thursday night against the Island Storm.

The local National Basketball League of Canada club lost 114-104 in Charlottetown, dropping their record to 8-10 on the season.

Veteran Cliff Clinkscles and newcomer Forrest Fisher led the Rainmen with 18 points apiece.

But it just wasn't enough for the Rainmen, with Brandon Robinson putting 25 points up and Nick Evans pulling down eight rebounds to make it a stormy night indeed.

The Halifax Rainmen will have another shot to top the Storm this Sunday at the Scotiabank Centre. Tip-off is at 2 p.m.

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NHL

Pageau slaps monkey off his back in Sens' win

Jean-Gabriel Pageau's first goal of the season proved to be the game-winner Thursday night as the Ottawa Senators defeated the Montreal Canadiens 4-1.

Mika Zibanejad, Erik Karlsson and Erik Condra also scored for the Senators (18-17-8). Craig Anderson stopped 25 shots in his 399th game and has allowed two goals or less in eight of his last 10 starts.

Max Pacioretty scored the lone goal for the Canadiens (27-13-3) as Dustin Tokarski turned away 31 of 34 shots.

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Fitzgerald steps up in the shootout

QMJHL. Mooseheads D-man scores winning goal against Voltigeurs



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It's not every day that a defenceman gets the glory of scoring the winning goal in a shootout.

But that's exactly what Cavan Fitzgerald did Thursday night, as the fifth of six shooters to give the Halifax Mooseheads a 3-2 win over the visiting Drummondville Voltigeurs in front of 7,059 thrilled fans at the Scotiabank Centre.

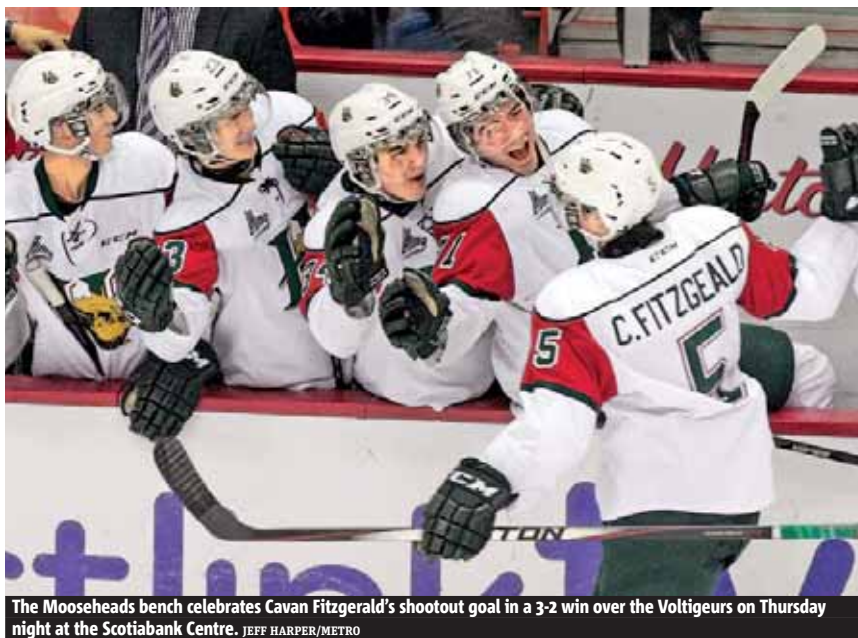
"I was trying to go back-toe there, but then I feel like I lost the puck a little bit; then I just kind of placed it in," the rookie blue-liner from Boston said of his biggest goal in a green and red jersey.

In addition to that shootout marker, Fitzgerald has two goals and 13 assists on the season. The 18-year-old also helped out on a power play for one of two regulation goals, both scored by forward Nikolaj Ehlers, 18, in the hard-fought victory.

"It's definitely a good feeling of coming back, and being able to go in a shootout," Fitzgerald said with a chuckle. "They called my name, and I was a little surprised."

Fitzgerald has also come back from a challenging injury.

He suffered a fractured patella early in the season and didn't rejoin the Herd lineup again until December.



The Mooseheads bench celebrates Cavan Fitzgerald's shootout goal in a 3-2 win over the Voltigeurs on Thursday night at the Scotiabank Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

On Thursday

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Mooseheads

2

Voltigeurs

- The win bumps Halifax's record up to 22-18-2-1 on the season, putting the Moose second in the Maritimes Division and tied for ninth in the QMJHL.

"I was a little nervous, but I went down and did it; scored," said Fitzgerald, who moved from the U.S. to Lingon, N.S., as a teenager, adding "he's feeling pretty good out there."

Adam Chapman of the Voltigeurs broke the scoreless tie in the first period while on

a power play. He scored his second goal to give his team a 2-1 lead in the second.

Halifax "was a little shaky at the start," Fitzgerald admitted, but the pace picked up in the second and third periods, with plenty of shots fired at Drummondville netminder

Anthony Brodeur.

The 19-year-old backstop from Paterson City, N.J., made an impressive 54 saves in three periods plus overtime.

"It wasn't an easy night," veteran Herd forward Philippe Gadoury.

When it came to who scored the shootout game-winner, Gadoury said he "called it."

"I saw him do that a couple of times in practice," he said of Fitzgerald's goal.

The Herd are on the road this weekend, facing off against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles at 4 p.m. on Sunday in Sydney.

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Dalhousie Tigers guard Robbi Daley doesn't have to look far for inspiration.

She just has to look court-side, to head coach Anna Stammberger, who claimed fourth place with Canada at the 1984 Olympic Summer Games in Los Angeles, Calif., in addition to competing at three world championships and both coaching and playing in Germany.

"We can look up to her every day," Daley, 23, said Thursday afternoon of having big basketball dreams, including potentially claiming her first and only Atlantic University Sport title in her fifth and final season as a student-athlete.

The 2015 Subway AUS Women's Basketball Championship comes to Nova Scotia's capital city Feb. 26 through March 1. It's running in conjunction with the men's tournament, which runs Feb. 27 through March 1, for the first time ever.

"Being here today, I even get chills," she said inside the Scotiabank Centre, the venue where the Jeannie W. Leslie Trophy will be hoisted for this



Dalhousie Tigers guard Robbi Daley and women's basketball head coach Anna Stammberger are hoping to hoist the Atlantic University Sport championship trophy this March in Halifax. COURTESY MONA GHIZ/ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY SPORT

spring's double-championship. It was on display at a press conference Thursday alongside the Read Cup, which goes to the winner of the AUS men's basketball championship.

"It would just be amazing," said the Fredericton native who will graduate this year with a bachelor of science in health promotion. "It would really cap

off my career."

The Tigers are currently in second place in the AUS standings with 16 points, trailing behind the defending champion Saint Mary's Huskies, who have 22 points so far in the 2014-15 season.

"We're playing really well as a team, and we're on the right track," the five-foot-nine Daley said. "We're not a big team, but we know that if we want to be successful in the AUS championship, it's going to be all about our defence."

Stammberger agrees her Tigers are "in a good position" heading into the remainder of the season.

"I'm pleased with where we are," the Dalhousie basketball alumna from Kensington, P.E.I.,

How to attend

Ticket packages go on sale Dec. 4 at www.ticketatlantic.com, with "super weekend" deals for all 10 men's and women's games going for \$150 on the floor, \$110 for adults, \$60 for students and seniors and \$25 for youth 12 and under. Go to www.atlanticuniversitysport.com for more.

said. "We're healthy; we're working hard; we're focused."

Other exemplary athletes who will attend the championship weekend, as announced Thursday by Atlantic University Sport, include St. Francis Xavier

X-Women star alumna Theresa McCuish of Balls Creek, the event's honorary chairwoman, and two-time Olympic bobsleigh gold medallist Heather Moyse of Summerside, P.E.I., keynote speaker for the Feb. 27 awards luncheon.

Stammberger, who as a player twice received Atlantic University Sport and Canadian Interuniversity Sport MVP honours, said combining the men's and women's championships "will make it a bigger and better event," adding the atmosphere inside the Scotiabank Centre is special.

"It's great that we're on that stage with the men," she said.

Event website AUSHoops.ca will be up and running next week.

NHL

Lightning take two points vs. Oilers

Ondrej Palat scored a pair of third-period goals, and the Eastern Conference-leading Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Edmonton Oilers 3-2 on Thursday night.

Steven Stamkos also scored in his fourth straight game for the Lightning, who overtook the idle New York Islanders atop the East.

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NBA

Harden's Rockets sock it to Thunder

James Harden scored 15 of his 31 points in the Houston Rockets' big first quarter in a 112-101 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Thursday night.

The Rockets led 40-18 after the first quarter.

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MLB

Jays strike deal with lefty Cecil

The Blue Jays avoided arbitration with Brett Cecil on Thursday, signing the reliever to a one-year deal worth \$2.475-million US.

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Speed it up

MLB toys with pitch-clock idea

A pitch clock will be used this season during minor-league games at Triple-A and Double-A but it has been ruled out for the major leagues this year.

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Seahawks gameplan: Protect the football

NFL. Seattle set franchise record this season for fewest turnovers, giving up possession just 14 times in regular season

Pete Carroll talks about it constantly, almost to the point of exasperation, about how protecting the ball is the most important thing in the Seattle Seahawks program.

Not having the fiercest defence in the NFL or a dynamic offence based around a strong running game; simply holding on to the football.

"I've been trying to emphasize this better than anybody in the world for as long as I've been a head coach," Carroll said.

Clearly his team is listening. The Seahawks set a franchise record this season for the fewest turnovers, giving the ball away just 14 times during the regular season. That was three fewer than the previous best mark for the Seahawks when they committed only 17 turnovers during the 2005 season and Seattle made its first Super Bowl appearance.

It continued a trend of Seattle being better at protecting the ball with Carroll in charge. Seattle committed 31 turnovers in Carroll's first season in 2010.

On Sunday

- **NFC championship.** Packers at Seattle Seahawks, 4:05 p.m.
- **AFC championship.** Colts at Patriots, 7:40 p.m.

The Seahawks had 23 in 2011, 19 in 2012 and 18 last season on their way to the franchise's first Super Bowl title.

This season the Seahawks finished third in the league in fewest turnovers. And not surprisingly, the two teams ahead of Seattle — New England and Green Bay each had 13 turn-

overs — are also still playing on championship weekend.

"It's a conscious effort for those guys," Seattle offensive co-ordinator Darrell Bevell said. "It's something that we talk about all the time. It's something that we show them all the time. There are things that happen on the field that we preach about all the time. It's in the front of their mind quite often as ball carriers."

The reduction in turnovers was critical in a season where the Seahawks defence didn't force as many turnovers. Seattle opponents committed only 24 turnovers this season, compared to 39 last year.

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Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll shouldn't have to worry about turnovers from Marshawn Lynch. The star running back had just one fumble in the 2014 season. CHRISTIAN PETERSON/GETTY IMAGES

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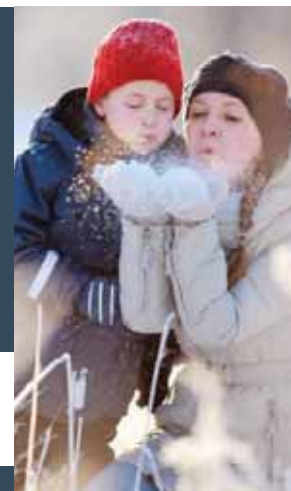
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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Good fortune is heading your way. You may find that hard to believe but if you adopt a more positive outlook today and over the weekend it will help you to recognize how lucky you are.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

No matter what sad tales you hear from people today you will be on a high. As far as you are concerned the world is, was and always will be wonderful.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you force yourself to be enthusiastic about a task you don't care for today you may be surprised to find that you actually quite enjoy it.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

A few days from now you will look back and wonder why and how you allowed yourself to get so worked up about a relationship matter. Life always moves on and so should you.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If someone tries to belittle your efforts over the next 24 hours it can only be because they are jealous of your ability to get things done and the way (almost) everyone loves you.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

There is something you have wanted to do for many years but for one reason or another never got around to. Now the universe is making it easy for you to get started on it.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will be less inclined to worry about your cashflow today and that's good. The only danger is you could start spending money like it grows on trees. It doesn't.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Your luck will turn for the better very soon but today you must be cautious, especially when travelling and dealing with people whose motives you know little about.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

The next few days will be lucky for you and what you gain you will deserve. Not everyone will agree with it but not everyone is aware how hard you worked to get to your current position.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you gamble on something and win today you would be wise not to go any further. The planets warn that once you are ahead the only way you will stay ahead is by calling it a day.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Don't feel bad about it if you are jealous of someone else's loss over the next 24 hours. According to the planets it is your turn to get lucky, so take advantage of the situation.

♓ Pisces

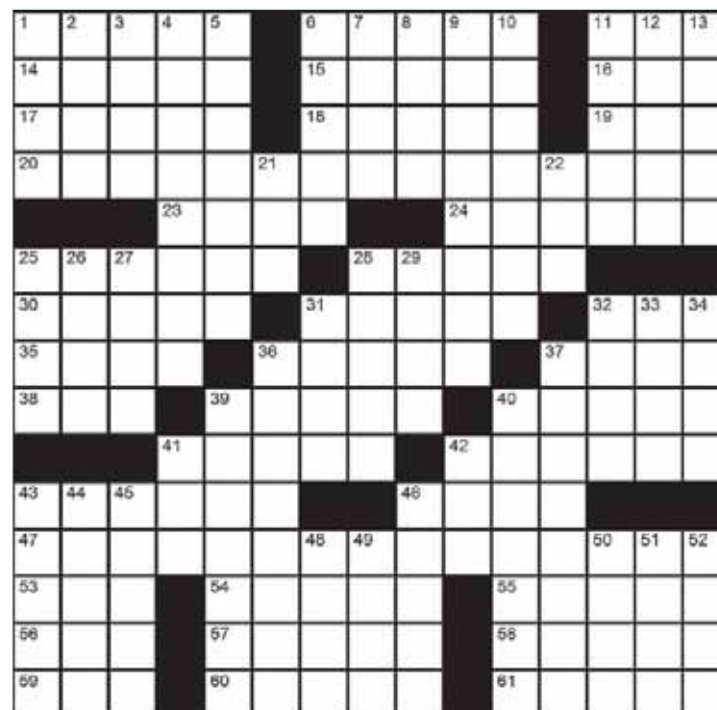
Feb. 20 - March 20

If someone tries to do you a favour don't automatically assume that it's some kind of scam. Genuine people do exist.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Three-player card game
6. Sports buff's interests
11. US lawyers' org.
14. Heat-resistant glassware
15. Java hue
16. "Follow You Down" by ___ Blossoms
17. Spew fire
18. Mr. Flynn
19. Contribute
20. Sniffle, achoo...
21. Cold treatment alternatives: 2 wds.
23. Twisted
24. Immediately!
25. Misgivings
28. Blue Rodeo's "___ Hit Me Yet"
30. Loosen
31. Stevie Wonder's "Shoo-___-Be-Doo-Da-Day"
32. iPhone download
35. Medical suffix
36. Convict
37. "Ripley's Believe Not!": 2 wds.
38. The Anteater's mealtime noise in the B.C. comic strip
39. Songstress Ms. Scott's
40. Rusty hue
41. ___ letter (Used Canada Post)
42. Family emblems
43. Becky Black and Maya Miller = Vancouver rock duo



The ___.

46. Scottish rolls
47. Canadian artist (b.1905 - d.1989) ...his paintings depict the landscapes of Alberta and Saskatchewan: 2 wds.
53. "Don't Bring Me Down" gr.
54. Herman's Hermits singer Peter

55. "___ Was a Lady" (1945)

56. Has the ability
57. The Jackson 5's "___ There"
58. Serviceable
59. Middle
60. Guitarist Duane, and surnamesakes
61. Dished, ___ out

Down

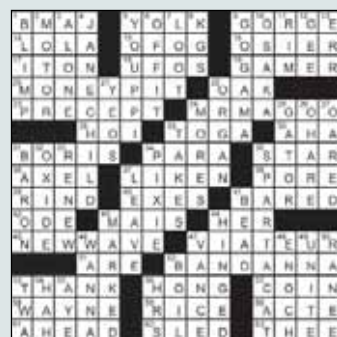
1. Unlock
2. "___ Breckinridge" (1970)
3. Men's cologne brand
4. CBC's "___ of Doyle"
5. Drastic
6. Extract metal from ore
7. Pressure unit
8. Land unit

9. 4th Prime Minister of Canada, from 1892 to 1894: Sir John ___

10. Hamilton-based cheese company since 1962
11. Anew
12. Posh bathroom feature
13. Hence...: 2 wds.
21. Years: French

22. Actress, ___-Marie Jones
25. Test
26. Do ___ others...
27. Fighting: 2 wds.
28. No Doubt's "___ Good"
29. Big fuses
31. Fashion accessory
32. Sporty sorts, shortly
33. Harbour site
34. CEO
36. Have a successful day as a prospector during the Klondike: 2 wds.
37. Emulate Kurt Browning: 2 wds.
39. "I Dream of ___"
40. The ___ (Historic concert hall in Vancouver)
41. Do moguls
42. Meower
43. Portion
44. Relieve
45. Baa Baa! Duplicate, like Dolly
46. Namesakes of Marcia's "Desperate Housewives" role
48. Hilly countryside area
49. Dionne Warwick's "Walk ___"
50. Modify
51. Annoy
52. Singer/songwriter Lou

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